

A heated debate was going on during the past few years among Czech lawyers concerning punishment of legal entities. It culminated as the law on criminal liability of legal entities and proceedings against them was passed. However, this has not solved all the problems of legal regulation of delicts committed by legal entities. The question of reform of administrative punishment remains relevant, although not urgent. The current legislation suffers certain defects, in particular its incompleteness, which has to be addressed in legal practice by using laws whose primary field of application lies elsewhere; those laws do not address all peculiarities of administrative punishment of legal entities. While the main discussion is centered on substantive law, proceedings for administrative delicts of legal entities deserve attention as well.

My thesis is divided into four parts. The first part briefly outlines the historical development of the proceedings for administrative delicts of legal entities. The second part provides a brief overview of the current state of legislation, focusing on the sources of law. The third part deals with general principles of law relevant for proceedings for administrative delicts of legal entities, especially the right to a fair trial, as described in the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. The fourth section concerns the actual conduct of the (mostly first instance) proceedings for administrative delicts of legal entities; I also focused on what is characteristic for the proceedings in comparison with general administrative proceedings. As a conclusion, I try to summarise the issues, including proposals for a change of the current legal situation regarding administrative punishment, since the current legislation is characterised by an absence of codification of proceedings for administrative delicts of legal entities.